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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 23, 2008**

Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1053). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.